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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jinhee J. Lee

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 29 November 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on 29 November 2004 is: a) ☒ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: *Approved drawing proposal*.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Radloff (US005575546A).

Re claim 1, Radloff discloses an assembly comprising: a filler panel body (14a for example); and a handle element (mount 14b for example) integral with said filler panel body, said handle element fixedly coupled with said filler panel body, said handle element providing a grasping surface above said filler panel body to provide removable coupling of said filler panel body with respect to a chassis (see figure 1, column 3 lines 45-46 according to the numbering in the middle and abstract).

Re claim 2, note that the method of forming a device is not germane to the issue of patentability of the device itself. Therefore, this limitation has not been given patentable weight.

Re claim 3, Radloff discloses an electromagnetic interference (EMI) shield portion (Unnumbered, outer edges of 14a as well as 16f, 16h, 16 g and 16l for example) coupled with said filler panel body, said EMI shield portion adapted to prevent EMI leakage from said chassis (see figure 1 and column 6 lines 13-15 according to the numbering in the middle).

Re claim 8, Radloff discloses, wherein said handle element is comprised of: a base portion (unnumbered portion of 14b closest to the item 14a for example); and a head portion (unnumbered portion including portion with 14d for example) fixedly coupled with said base portion, said head portion being disposed above said base portion in a manner which provides a grasping surface for removably coupling said filler panel body with respect to said chassis (see figure 2 for example).

Re claim 9, Radloff discloses, wherein said base portion is flush with said filler panel body (where 14a and 14b meet for example, see figure 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Radloff.

Re claim 4, Radloff substantially discloses an attaching device (16g and 16f for example) adapted to be coupled with said filler panel body, said attaching device for removably coupling said filler panel body with said chassis. Radloff does not explicitly disclose that the coupling was in accordance with a compact peripheral component interconnect standard. However, the applicant has pointed out in his argument dated 6/7/04 that this standard is well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the well known standard to couple the filler panel body and the chassis in order to interconnect the two portions.

Re claim 5, note that Radloff discloses, wherein said handle element does not destructively interfere with said attaching device coupled with said filler panel body.

Re claim 6, Radloff substantially discloses an attaching device (16g and 16f for example) adapted to be coupled with said filler panel body, said attaching device removably coupling said filler panel body with said chassis. Radloff does not explicitly disclose that the coupling was in accordance with a VersaModular Eurocard standard. However, the applicant has pointed out in his argument dated 6/7/04 that this standard is well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the well known standard to couple the filler panel body and the chassis in order to interconnect the two portions.

Re claim 7, note that Radloff discloses, wherein said handle element does not destructively interfere with said attaching device coupled with said filler panel body.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 11/24/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that "Radloff...not to provide a handle to be used for grasping during removal", examiner disagrees. Radloff states that the locating and retaining functions are done using the surfaces of the mount, via the tab and the post (16f and 16g for example). The mount provides the "grasping surface" for the tab and the post for retention.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, Th and F at 6:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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